



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 3724  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63763

Akihiro SANDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/843,765

Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 9192

Examiner: Thomas J. Druan

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: SLITTER BLADE ASSEMBLY

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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## EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims		-		=	X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	5	-	3	=	2 X	\$86.00	=	\$172.00
TOTAL							=	\$172.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$172.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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